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Memo for John Harting et al for 11/11/77 meeting

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Last night I finished reviewing a selection of the field office files I had laid aside for special purposes. I will give you some of the questions relating to compliance I noted in them while reviewing them for other purposes.

I think, however, that there is much of the past that is relevant and that while you may want me to forget it because you have ignored it I am not prepared to forget it. I will not have time to organize and reorganize these. They will be off the top of the head.

Aside from the large number of missing attachments in your processing of the FBIHQ files you noted quite a large number of records that were withheld because they were referred to others. These others ranged from the Department to State to CIA. If I have received a single one of these I do not recall it. These go back for months, to the very beginning of the processing more than a year ago.

You have told me verbally that you have had no response. I do not believe this is any more than stonewalling. I believe those records are required for compliance. They are still withheld, which to me means no compliance. I suggested a call or other effort with those you say have not responded. I think they would prefer that to a word from the judge. You have given me nothing showing any effort to obtain response from these people. Moreover, with the determination that this is an historical case and the new directive from the AG now a half-year old there appears to be virtually no exemption that can be claimed for these records.

This is true of other police agencies. In June I offered you a compromise, write a letter to the Mounties and have them state in writing that the records relating to the Ray investigation are required to be withheld for real police needs and I would accept their response. You have not given me a copy of any such letter and I am certain of the reason - there is nothing in those records that need be withheld if, indeed, there is basis for it with all that the FBI has leaked and all that was represented to the Tenn. courts over a period of years. The same goes for England and Portugal. For all you have withheld all names when all are public and were they not in my view did not qualify for withholding. The more ridiculous are those subpoenaed as witnesses and those who held press conferences, where you even withheld the names of those who held these press conferences. Add Mexico, for it applies there. Plus the fact that the LA field office files disclose Puerto Villarta investigations and reports that should exist and are not provided, like the 4/10/68 report that a guest there had killed King. I can't imagine an Agent reviewing these kinds of reports without recognizing that something had to follow the initial report to the LA field office. (That was so early in the investigation the laundry marks had just been identified and the LA angle with them.) Include the same with regard to Memphis police, a question I have raised without response and the withholding of those non-secret names. All these aspects relate to compliance and good faith.

The question of crime-scene pictures remains unresolved. I have not had time to check my notes on this. The notes are too voluminous. But I have located the note to myself if I did not also write you about the fact that the descriptions of these pictures and the number of them do not match what you have provided. There can be no confusion with the pictures the WFO took in November because all of these were prior to the taking of the November pictures. That some were medical pictures neither complicates it nor resolves the problem. The descriptions and the pictures provided are not identical, in fact or in number.

In writing you earlier on the item of surveillance I believe I may have forgotten to give you specifics I think I really do not have to give you on James Earl Ray. Where you originally withheld with Jerry Ray you have not since provided what you withheld. The indications are of a black bag job on the Peppers. I raised this question without any response.

Ray was the subject of such surveillance beginning in London. I have the records that reflect it. This was continued in Memphis where again I have the records reflecting it. This is how the sheriff learned that Ray was about to withdraw from his agreement to cop a plea.

The sheriff intercepted all his mail, including with counsel. He gave all to the FBI. He also gave all to the prosecutor. Jim and I obtained a copy of the written directives on this and put it in the record of the evidentiary hearing. (This is the one I had indexed for Jim in 1975, the index the FBI declined to accept for assistance in processing these records at issue.) Your own records reflect that on occasion the FBI received copies even before the prosecutor did. I can give you details without end that you do not really need. The interceptions were under Captain Smith, the man responsible for the copying was Administrative DA Lloyd Rhodes, some went to GAD Canale personally and others to one your records note is a graduate of the FBI Academy, Hutchinson. You have not provided the copies of the intercepted letters particularly with counsel. This, too, began in England. To the best of my knowledge the interception of my correspondence with Ray never stopped. He never received my first letter. While I am not about to identify any of my official sources on the chance some were not picked up on surveillance you should know that they are good and accurate ones from the confirmation of even the specific details I gave Tom Wiseman at our first meeting, the one that led to contacting the WFO. I guess I can tell you because of the number of them that my sources ranged from those who were Ray's jailors, those in the same cell with him, to fairly high police officials and to the prosecution. Not every Memphis official was in agreement with the practices. Moreover, while the records I've received do not reflect it, the local agents spent much time with the press. From Jensen down. You are still withholding McFerren information Jensen personally gave reporters I know. This is but one example. There are many.

Relatively recently there was a Jack Anderson column relating to one described as an FBI informer by the name of Manfred Baron. It says he was in the Ray cell during the evidentiary hearing. This was October 9, 1974. I believe I knew "Manfred Baron" as "Fat Man Williams." I also was in that cell block at that time. On several occasions Jim was with me. If I believe it is passing strange that with all the alleged concern for Ray's security he and a man of Baron/Williams' reputation were in the same cell I think it is no less strange that you have not provided a single record on this. I know something about this man's career, enough details not limited to a description that is close to unique. Going along with this while there are records indicating some coverage of the evidentiary hearing, even repeated checking with the clerks of court, there is no record of the challenge to the FBI's evidence, even with the existence of records in what I have showing the HQ interest in it. An example is the lab work and Frazier in particular.

The records I have reflect the release to others of records not provided to me. There was a deal worked out with some people to let them have some, for which in some cases releases were obtained. I have mentioned this before. I have had no response.

The lack of response extends to the specifics I gave you, as I recall in some cases with copies of records, at our June meetings. That was a long time ago.

I mentioned that the N.O. field office has relevant records on me in what I wrote you more recently. I believe I also told you that this has to include the matter of the Mexico sketch and the so-called "trap" picture from Daley Plaza. I've just thought of something else: It should include what relates to a couple of my more dubious sources who were fixed up for some very dubious work with a well-known FBI/DJ informer in Baton Rouge. They were in touch with me from Baton Rouge while this was going on. They were fixed up by a well-known DJ personality of the period. I met him several times during that period, once by accident. His name has eight letters. Your informer's is six, the famous case is five. On this there are other related withholdings I've specified without response. There should be relevant Memphis records I've also not been given. In fact there is a total void on this from Memphis. In Memphis it should be in more than one set of records.

With the foregoing I've varying degrees of proof. If I can now find it these extend to tape-recorded fink interviews. One once spent until 5 a.m. talking into my tape recorder, turning it off only once that I can recall. This one also was a BUDD informer. Where I have less proof but am fairly confident that if I have to I can provide enough includes other items like the late Judge Battle. I have difficulty believing that the FBI has no records

relating to his untimely death, particularly because it was initially feared to be a homicide. I've interviewed those who were involved when it was believed to be a homicide. Jim was with me when I interviewed one, in his own office, using even his tape recorder, which was better than mine. It is not easy to believe that with all that hung on that mysterious death, and by this I mean what hung for the FBI, it had no records on this and all those records about the woman who bore the insignificant Charles Cabbage a bastard. In addition, Judge Battle had a practise of giving the FBI letters he received. I recall getting only one, one a citizen asked him to forward to Ray's defense counsel. The good judge of sainted civil rights memory apparently believed the FBI was Ray's defense.

You keep telling me that there are no higher-level files to search but there are some that did exist even if you claim there are only the central files, the others being destroyed regularly. An example is the Director's files. How many cabinets of Hoover's were there? Thirty some? Nothing on King or any aspect of this request or the formulation of it by the Department?

I hope we don't get into the kind of situation reflected in the Hitt affidavit. Washington wanted an affidavit attesting to nothing out of the way relating to Ray's rights and illegal seizures of evidence and SAC Hitt provided it from Atlanta. But the agent who did the black-bag job is Burgess, who reported on its successes to Hitt and to the Bureau.

The obit in this morning's Post reminds me of the virtually total anonymity for the late William Sullivan in the more than 440,000 pages I've gone over. He also had no files? He made not a single note that was preserved? Nothing at all with regard to the really intensive political operations against King? And didn't he go to Memphis immediately to take charge? Would you believe it if I told you something like that?

While going over the records yesterday and last night I made a few notes relating to compliance, really non-compliance. I do not attempt to correlate them. I also put aside a few copies I can show you to illustrate the points in some and other instances.

At our meeting after the 11/2 calendar call I told you and Charles that I have been given no record of any investigation of the mailing of the Birmingham bank's safe deposit key from Baton Rouge. It was called to the attention of the N.O.P.O. in its 157-10673-263. There is a real problem with this that the FBI would never have ignored: the date given predates Ray's departure from Los Angeles on that trip. It is 12/13/67.

WFO 44-703-4? is incomplete as provided. Whether or not there were more pages this is one of those copied crookedly, eliminating the Serial.

Pictures: if my recollection of the HQ files on others is incorrect among the WFO files that may hold further references are Subs A and D.

There remain the withheld political pictures for which there is the privacy claim I believe is frivolous in general and ridiculous in specifics where you have provided such pictures as xeroxed from the published. (Didn't you copy the copyrighted in that?) You have also withheld the names of those who took the pictures, even where they are known to those in the pictures, more because in some cases they asked permission to take the pictures. One of the photographers is Ernest Withers. He was at the crime scene shortly after the shooting. He also took pictures of individuals who figure in the political files and relating to the strikes. I noted one reference to him to give you reason to believe he was not a total mystery to the ~~MEMPHIS~~ WFO - 44-1987-318. I'm not certain of the Serial. It is unclear. I am pretty confident there is a separate file on him in Memphis.

He and Louw are not the only black photographers at the crime scene at the time of the crime. (Nor were there no white photographers.) I recall no single mention of Josephine Colfield. I am not certain of the spelling but it is close. She was then with a St. Louis black paper. She later moved to Baltimore, I understand.

This remind me, you have been silent about the question I raised, questions, really, about the withholding from the LA FO record predicting how I was going to wreck the FBI. I believe that record was not the only one, or I think two. The name of the source was withheld. Try the name Charach for accuracy. You don't have to for size. Not only did you withhold this and continue to withhold it after the AG's statement of policy on privacy- if he is the one he was a very public figure then. He also would fit other parts of the requests. Like CIA.

Atlanta Daves report. I believe I've raised this before and offered you my copy of it. But you continue to withhold it after all the great attention to the content, much and often on coast-to-coast TV not limited to Dick Gregory. According to Atlanta 44-2396-2495 you personally phoned about this 6/23/77. This also happened to be after the 5/5 AG policy statement. Serials 2332 and 2353 are relevant.

You have not responded to my asking about the guy with the bum steer to the Los Angeles Times. While in the later records you stopped withholding the name Lester Edward Packett failing to replace the earlier ones introduces confusion and uncertainty. When the source was the press I can't see where any exemption applied to begin with.

There are some records relating to a suspect but no responses to me. The source was David Gaines. Two citations are WFO 44-703 (remember I told you that although he lived in the Alexandria territory it was also WFO - and you said there was no Alexandria then?) and Alexandria 44-149. The incident was near here, at the Hawaiian motel near Brunswick, Md. That should be under our local residency and in turn under Baltimore. The Gaineses were recontacted after he phoned me. Among the still-withheld records this is at least one. I'd be surprised if there was no Hawaiian checking. Most people would be shocked given what "Harris" said - and pre-existing reason, still withheld, to look into it. In raising this with you earlier I asked you if the right name is Paisley. I would strongly encourage serious consideration of the alternatives with this one and what fits with it. I have done some work on it, including in Louisiana. Jim is well cued in on it. I have records of FBI records that are relevant that you have not provided. Given the interceptions and copying of Ray's mail to me what he told me is not secret. There is much that can be very embarrassing and to more than the FBI if all of this is aired in court.

No response on Raul Esquivel. I wrote, we discussed this as late as last week and I find in 157-10673-1253, N.O. record I do not recall from HQ files, that Supervisor Long phoned and said he wanted Esquivel interviewed. I recall no interview report.

I told you about my friend Matt Herron and those records not provided from Memphis. I know from him that he was in contact with the FO at the time. He is referred to by the name, by coincidence, "Harris" in one of several records that duplicate what he told the FO, but duplicate it only in part. A still withheld part - and I am not saying this is the only one because it isn't - has to do with what Mark Laus has been misrepresenting and misusing, the yanking of Ed Badditt and the two black firemen. WFO did have a few earlier records on that without reference to what he reported. As you know by now I was completely accurate on this. He is a dependable source even if he is now navigating ships on ecological adventures. If the FBI is still reading newspapers.

Two relevant records are among those I located in those I've gone over since we met. They are 44-1967-90 and probably 132, part of which is lost in xeroxing. It is the last sentence of 90 that appears to refer to Herron as "Harris."

On the 2d I called Sam 44-1740-411 to your attention with regard to the sketch from Mexico, which it reports, and the "tramp" picture and with your continuing failure to come up with the copies I left for the FBI with the local resident agent after phoning about it. I recall no copy of Serial 411 from Memphis, to which it was sent, and nothing further by way of investigation. I do not recall receiving the copy of either of the "two photographs of CLAUDE CHESTER McLAUGHLIN, JR., ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ taken at Mexico City International Airport on April 8, 1968." This is probably because only six copies of each were sent two two field offices. I recall nothing from HQ files on this. Memphis Sub B 56 is Baltimore's 44-669 of 5/3/68 to Dallas enclosing what I gave the RA. It manages to miss the point with respect

to the King assassination. Dallas' 9/21/68 response to Baltimore, Memphis Sub E, number unclear, reflects no concern over the non-sequester. However, it does supply an opinion from the editor of the Times-Herald who once would have thought would not have been lost upon the FBI, in HQ or the various field offices, "that the alleged newspaper artist's sketch appeared to have been made by someone who was looking at the photo of the unknown lookalike..." I had the same notion when I phoned the FBI.

This is one of the early items in my requests. If you are going to claim that the FBI was not aware of what I told it even after a newspaper editor knocked them on the head over it I will insist that it be in writing and not what I might call a Hitt-and-run affidavit.

I don't believe that Al Chapman is referred to in this Dallas Airtel but he appears to have called the same thing to Dallas FO attention. I understood before I even met him that he was then a member of the KKK, which a Dallas report states. Chapman was also my first source on these "tramp" pictures. He obtained them and others from the photographers.

Meanwhile, what happened to what you have told the court about never, never copying copyrighted pictures, including those copyrighted by non-publication, like Louis's? These were provided by xerox from the set Hitt gave B'ham. The rest of that story, not in your files, may interest you, Foreman's sworn version is that it was for a friend of his at Time, which managed to have the Dallas paper's pictures without publishing them. Ray's is that he was offered \$5,000 by Foreman to make an ID of that photographed unknown. As "Raul."

(Reminds me: N.O. came up with a couple of Rapuls. I recall no final investigations. Especially not of the Canadian one who had a criminal record the minuscule part of which is disclosed is fascinating to me from work I've done and the files provided do not duplicate. However, the one suggested to me does exist in Bureau files as well as those of the Criminal Divisions. And the AG and DAG. I have some copies, not from the FBI or directly from them.)

And where are the Baltimore records? I told you there would be others elsewhere. One of the files I specified is those of NY FO. So it says in this Dallas Airtel, with one of the names I gave you, Trent Gough. Many records exist that are relevant and are still withheld.

Atlanta's (157-New) of 4/5/68, which is the mornin after the assassination, was provided to me from its 157-3094, where it is Serial 1. Now I recall no other record from this file. Its Murkin number is 2386. "Assistant Director SULLIVAN wants to be advised who wrote KING's last speech." George Morre phoned Hitt at 9:20 a.m., so the Bureau must have been real interested. If I received the answer I do not recall it. I am interested, of course, as I am in any tape or transcript. It is the speech in which he said he was fearing no man, that he had been to the mountaintop, had seen the promised land and was not afraid to be going there. Fampus last words, to coin a phrase.

The official line is that the FBI was not then covering King. It did cover that meeting. Those who did were known to my sources, reporters who were also there. Aside from your King operation great effort and time went into the Sanitation workers' strike, of which it was part.

Atlanta 44-2386-124, Bulky, notes enlarged copies of maps of Atlanta and Los Angeles. I don't care about the latter. I have only a portion of one of the former. I have no way of knowing whether or not it is this one or if it is all of it. What I have would fit into a file folder. It did not have to be filed with the Bulkys. I am interested in the map said to have had four places marked. My other written communications about other maps are without response. I've gone into some detail about the New Orleans map that was shunted back and forth ~~xxxxxxx~~ between Washington and Memphis and I did examine it after it was treated for printing. It has a number of places marked. I believe I told you I photographed

most of those places. Then yhis and records not provided to me were shown to Ray's first lawyer, former SA Arthur Hanes. I have his notes, which refer to material not yet provided about this map and other evidence. Like phone numbers. The prosecution displayed these materials to him because Judge Battle ordered it.

Birmingham 44-1740, with an unclear number that may refer to a Sub, has a Serial 142 reporting my access to records in 1970 because of C.A. 718-70. I believe there is a similar Los Angeles story. However, the non-compliance on this is fairly widespread, including the WFO's failure to provide the story Bill King arranged to be in the Washington Post.

LA48 from there is a signed statement from John Webster De Shazo. However, it is limited to an ID of a picture, as are others obtained then. However, their proffered testimony went much farther. Neither such statements nor SA notes for FD302s covering this other evidence have been provided, although there are rather detailed notes relating to a meeting with an informer much later. Long after the guilty plea. My point is that there have to be other records. I am aware of some of the content that is not congenial to the official explanation of the crime.

Serial 599 relates that HQ phoned and dictated "the attached press release, which he (Supervisor Bill Gunn) dictated to stenographers..." Not provided. Of course I'm mildly curious about the content when this was the procedure and it was the day the FBI lodged charges of the conspiracy it stoutly maintains never existed, 4/17/68. Washington's seeming modesty is also a bit provocative.

Chicago's 44-1114- 404 or 464, which would appear to have been sent to all FOs and was provided by Chicago only, has content the basis of which was not provided by Chicago. If it has been provided from other files I do not recall it. The words are "...photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967." I recall and have the photo, from Blake and Wiseman. (It makes it appear that Jimmy ages real fast in comparison with pictures of a few months later. He claims it is not a picture of him, by the way.)

I have written you without response about seeming gaps in the WFO files, of my belief that I was not sent all you later listed, and of the existence of a sort of list I later found when I looked at what you sent after receiving your list. The Memphis record bears no identification. It is headed "THE FOLLOWING MATTERIALS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING FILES:" At the outset additions were typed on. Later they were added by hand. I also asked if this did not apply to the other FOs and if it did why no such lists were not provided. Earlier from HQ files I raised the same question and made the same request based on a Chicago record. I was promised these but have not received them or any assurance they do not exist.

It is my recollection that the Chicago file list from HQ refers to files from which I was not provided relevant records.

From the Los Angeles files there is the ultrafarout without of the name and other information relating to the publisher of the Tuskegee Tribune." I'm sure I mentioned that she is Mrs. Almena Lomax. The record in question is LA 44-1574-D178.

By the content of Serial 1900 there is relevant information not provided, the FBI's advance information about "a new book due to be released written by former FBI Agent WILLIAM TURNER which relates to the King assassination. McGowan cited chapter and page, which is pretty prescient for a book not yet released. Also relating to Turner and not to him alone the LA office is among those that should have files on the sketch and picture it seems were sent to all FOs (without HQ files reflecting it unless my memory is flawed). I'm sure I told you more, including his use of these pix in San Francisco and by publication. Serial 1962 on Lane refers to "Bureau letter dated 4/21/76, entitled, "TIEDLE RELATIONS, RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF THE FBI CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." I do not recall receiving this. It also reminds me that you have neither provided nor responded about my asking repeatedly for what the FBI gave the Church committee and it

made public. Adams is the one I believe provided the FBI's testimony. I have put aside a news story from FBI files reflecting the fact that what you continue to stonewall me over was published and requires no special search having been located for and given to the Church committee. This is about and on the events of 3/28/68, the business of authorizing a news story chiding King for staying at a white hostelry and the business of no black messiah unless he is chosen by the founding father.

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(I'll be astounded if what has been provided from L.A. on Adams, restricted to what is relevant to the King assassination, is a minor fraction of what exists. If it is not maybe the FBI would like to borrow some of the tapes and other materials people from out there have sent me. He has had very much to say about the FBI. It is if the nature that always attracted FBI interest. It also happens to be very incorrect. Were our positions reversed would you believe there has been compliance from either LA or on the subject of Lane in the King assassination files? Or Abby Men, who has this big special coming up and LA had a single record on it - dating to 1968. Which is to say nothing about others in association with Adams, like Donald Freed, who has written and spoken much about the FBI and the King case. He also has pushed accuracy to a fault.)

Memphis Sub -250 reflects that your people were, too, there. Exactly as I told you if not perhaps the same day. The visit of which I learned was not on hairs and fibres. How about getting Memphis to finally level on this? Ray was there and the FBI know it and as of this minute is still seeking to perpetuate its suppression of it. As I recall they also have his registration, I think on a 335 card. I spoke to both maids they interviewed, as I now recall about the time they found him registered at the Rebel, more or less the day after the shooting. You and Ralph may be interested in knowing, if I have not told you, that this is about where you traced the beer and the bag and the shaving kit. Only to miss the motel when the shaving kit had an address on it? "one on!

Sub K 105 of 10/27/76 appears to refer to me and this suit, to pictures and to other records I can't remember - did you provide them later? Descriptive of other medical pictures is Sub D 105. Prior to my seeing this you asked me by phone about autopsy pictures and the like. I forgot to ask you last week. I hope you have them tomorrow. Except for the third in this list the others are those I told you interest me. These are among those often and publicly displayed by the prosecution and the medical examiner himself. I believe I told you Jim has a videotape of the medical examiner showing these pictures at the Univ. of Arizona. Well, belatedly I have received from the Archives its record of a letter signed by Director Kellogg several years ago on this subject. The FBI no longer restricted the Oswald autopsy pictures at the Archives. Yet thereafter withheld these from me?

Serials 563 and 609 appear to relate to other records about which I have written and spoken to you, the appearance of one seeming to be "Gault" and other names in the Memphis area about 2/68. The informer's name does not interest me but more of the information does, as I've told you without response. The other offices addressed have provided no relevant records I can recall seeing.

Sub-D-107 is a rather late withholding of a former fellow prisoner's name despite the AG and despite the use by OPR of Curtis and the alleged reporting of a bounty on King of which Ray is supposed to have known. Between the writing by McMillan, who wrote that he had access to the WFO records and other through the prosecution and the extensive attention to these allegations, treated as a gospel by the Department through its OPR report, there appears to me to have been a waiver if there were basis for these withholdings of names, even known names and as with Curtis before I complained, when it had all been in the press.

Sub-D-31 relates to Stephens and an inferred ID of a picture of Ray. It appears to be a special formulation, to be incomplete, and there is what I am sure has to exist on this because it was aired in the CBS special referred to in this case. On the date of this interview with Stephens or the day before CBS filmed Stephens looking at a Ray picture and reported his words, "Not the guy." Because CBS did not air this for all these years it was possible to tell the British court otherwise and to infer otherwise in this PD302. I do not believe I have been given all there is on this. I can't imagine that when everyone was so

afraid of being clobbered on prime time by CBS you have no record. Maybe you didn't call it MURKIN, but then I didn't either. You may not be aware of this clobber part because you have also managed not to provide your set of the relevant records. This one we got from the Department. It is in the court record, I believe.

Sub-52 of 4/7/67 is one of several references to the KFO recording the Memphis police radio. Transcripts were in 1-A. If I did not get these I don't really care about them. What I do care about and have not been given is the logs for the time of the crime. Some of those of the police were published. Those of the sheriff became quite relevant over what for some reason I think I can guess was not very pleasing - that Choraley rather than Dollahite radioed the first account of the finding of the package outside Canipe's. Again I can't imagine the FBI not having these logs and I do want them very much. Aside from the finding of the package there was that deception about the chase of a phony Mustang. It was to result in a large investigation in which the logs were essential.

New Orleans, 157-10673-765 refers to more than a thousand pages of undated records it had sent to Memphis. This record is from Memphis to New Orleans. It concludes "All of the above material is being returned to New Orleans, which office in the future should submit its own reports." While from the limited descriptions, which may well have been adequate when they were accompanied by this memo, I can't determine that I received these from New Orleans, the length alone leads me to believe I did not. If I did I'd appreciate knowing which each is. You have whatever list told you I had received withheld records from HQ, for example.

Chicago 44-1114 refers to a Baltimore investigation of the records the Memphis police found on Jerry Ray when they arrested him for being drunk on 7/9/68. From no source have I received the results of the tracings of these records. They do include phone numbers. Leads were sent to Baltimore.

Serial 774 refers to a rather provocative thing, the mailing of a letter from a prisoner in George who appears to have had details about the room Ray rented under his brother's alias at 2731 Sheffield, Chicago. Including Ray's use of an alias other than his own. When the FBI had the letter and the envelope I can't imagine it ending without more that this, particularly because it had so intense and proper an interest in Ray's career from the time he escaped from McPen until the assassination. Savannah was also involved in this inquiry, that being near where Russell was jailed, in Reidsville.

I have no reason to believe that providing new specifics will do any more good that it has in the past but I've again taken time to give you some in the hope that no matter how late a constructive purpose might be served.